

# FLEET ARE ALL SHORE BOATS.

## Fares at Boston Run Small and Prices Are Good.

Thirteen of the shore boats were at T wharf this morning. None of the off shore big crafts put in appearance. The fares mostly run small, but the prices are unexpectedly good. Haddock brought \$3.50, and large cod the same, with large hake at \$3 and pollock at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Sch. Manomet, with 27,000 pounds, has the banner fare, and schs. Warren M. Goodspeed and Helen B. Thomas have good catches. The other boats have from 2000 to 3000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Motor, 1700 haddock, 400 cod, 200 hake.  
Sch. Matiana, 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 cusk.  
Sch. Cherokee, 3000 cod.  
Steamer Jeffery, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1200 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 7500 haddock, 2000 cod, 3500 cusk.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4000 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 cusk, 800 pollock.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Hope, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake, 3000 cusk, 4000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

### The Salt Fish Situation.

The Fishing Gazette says of the salt fish situation:

"There is a fair jobbing demand for the different varieties of salt fish, but no particular animation in the trade. 'Seasonably quiet' describes the situation.

"Mackerel prices are steady. Herring are moving somewhat slowly, with the expectation of the Newfoundland fish, for which a good demand is reported, with quotations slightly higher than last week. Better fishing is now the rule in the far Northern waters. The limited stocks which have reached the New York market have been quickly absorbed.

"A leading exporter reports the market for salt fish as continuing firm, under a good demand and advancing prices. There are no indications at present of how much further it will go. After the first of the year a better view of the situation should be possible."

### Pacific Fishermen Obligated to Get Bait from Canada.

American deep sea fishers of the Pacific coast after halibut and cod, at this time of the year are forced to look to Canada to supply the bait. During the spring, herring, which forms the bait used in fishing for halibut, can be had in Puget Sound waters, but at this season of the year the herring schools move to Canadian waters. Shiploads of the bait now are coming to Bellingham. At Puget Sound the herring are transferred to the boats engaged in the fishing business, and the enterprise is not stopped by reason of the unavailability of the local supply. The halibut fishing crews pay the import duty.

## READY TO AID WRECKS.

Canadian Cruiser Curley in Winter Quarters at Halifax.

The Canadian cruiser Canada, Capt. C. T. Knowlton, is now hauled in to the dockyard, Halifax, for the winter, though if she is needed for work during that season she will be always ready.

The equipment of the dockyard includes two complete life saving outfits for use in case of ship wreck and these outfits are on carriages, and very complete including hawsers, lines, rockets, signals and a variety of paraphernalia of use in communicating with craft in trouble which cannot be reached in boats or from the land, because of rough sea or dangerous surroundings, and rescuing those on board.

The idea is that in case of word being received of shipwreck along the shore with possibility of loss of life, the cruiser can be manned immediately, the life saving apparatus taken on board and headed for the location of the wreck, which she will approach as near as possible and then by use of the rockets get a line on board the vessel in danger and by the aid of the apparatus take off the crew or others in danger of losing their lives. As the cruiser travels 17 knots she can cover distance rapidly on rescue work, and her powerful searchlight would be a great aid to such work at night. With a crew of 58 all told she is pretty well manned.

### Nova Scotia Fish Conditions and Prices.

The Halifax Chronicle's weekly resume of Nova Scotia fishing conditions and trade says:

"Owing to the unprecedented continuance of stormy weather the arrivals of fresh fish have been reduced to a minimum, with a corresponding increase in price for new caught fish for the Advent trade.

"The want of supply has materially decreased the volume of shipments to the Canadian markets particularly in finnan haddies.

"All shippers of smoked fish are two or three weeks behind their orders which will naturally assist in using up any surplus offering during the holiday season.

"Fancy boneless cod strips are scarce and higher and while the quantity going forward has been the usual amount, a considerable portion has been refused as 'fancy' owing to dampness due to the unfavorable weather.

"The catch of herring off the coast of Lunenburg has been limited and irregular.

"Some catches have been reported from Yarmouth County.

"Mixed herring are reported in considerable quantity in Fortune Bay which can be taken in seines. There is, however, a Newfoundland fishing regulation which says that 'herring taken in seines must be hauled or landed at once.'

"This regulation, coupled with the absence of keen frost has prevented anything being done with herring at Fortune Bay.

"The advance sale of oysters for the Christmas trade is large and will probably increase during the next week.

"The local market for ground fish is unsettled, owing to the fact that one dealer is paying market prices for cullage for filleting purposes."

# BOTH FRESH AND SALT FISH TRIPS.

## Arrivals at This Port More Numerous Today.

There is considerable doing in the way of arrivals at this port this morning, three of the herring fleet coming along, together with one of the eastern haddockers, an eastern deckhand-liner and two or three of the market boats. A number of the shore boats did not go out this morning, and it looks as though fishing operations among the most of the market fleet were suspended until after Christmas.

The three herring catchers are schs. Ralph L. Hall, J. J. Flaherty and Judique. Sch. Ingomar from Western Bank, haddocking, has 35,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, selling to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company. Sch. Mary A. Gleason, deck handling, also from the eastward, has 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Down at the Fort, sch. Leo and sloop Diana are taking out their fares at Neal & Cooney's. The steam netter Nomad came in yesterday afternoon with 1500 pounds of fresh fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ingomar, Western Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, eastern deck handling, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1800 bbls. salt herring, 70 bbls. pickled herring.  
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring, 120 bbls. pickled herring.  
Sch. Judique, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 125 bbls. pickled herring.  
Steamer Nomad, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Leo, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sloop Diana, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Actor, via Boston.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.  
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.  
Sch. Almelda, via Boston.  
Sch. Valentinna, via Boston.  
Sch. Pauline, via Boston.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, via Boston.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, via Boston.  
Sch. John J. Fallon, via Boston.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.  
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.  
Sch. Seacomet, via Boston.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Minerva, shore.  
Sch. Manomet, Boston.  
Sch. Yankee, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.  
Board of trade prices:  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

### New Vessel Ready for Fishing.

The new knockabout schooner Gladys and Nellie, which was built for Capt. Frank Watts, formerly of sch. Seacomet, is expected at T wharf, Boston, today to fit out for fishing.

### From the Herring Fleet.

The Lunenburg, N. S., schs. J. B. Young and Adam Zinck cleared from that port Monday last for Fortune Bay, N. F.



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# HERRING VESSELS BOUND HOME.

## Schs. Corona and Arethusa Have Salted Cargoes.

Advices from Bay of Islands, received here recently, indicates fair fishing in North Arm. Schs. Corona and Arethusa have sailed for home with full cargoes of salt herring.

The latest Newfoundland government herring report says: Birchy Cove—Best herring fishery reported in North Arm, slack in Middle Arm.

Bonne Bay—Herring scarce, nets all being taken in.

Sound Island—Few herring in nets, cod scarce.

Herring are reported very plentiful at Southwest Arm, Green Bay, and Mr. Redman, who has a number of men and packers there, is getting all that he can handle. The fish are of a very large size and Mr. Redman expects to do very well as the result of his season's work, while the fishermen also will make a good thing out of it.

### Fined for Having Illegal Measures.

Capt. Dexereux, master of the Bucksport schooner Arthur V. S. Woodruff, was before Magistrate March at Bay of Islands recently. He was brought up on the charge of using a larger measure than the standard in purchasing herring from the fishermen and being convicted was fined \$25 and costs.

### Sch. Annie M. Parker Brings First Load of Frozen Herring.

As reported in another column, sch. Annie M. Parker is here with the first load of frozen herring of the season. As the craft is a big carrier she has a large cargo. Last year this craft was the second of the frozen fleet to arrive, being three days behind sch. Clintonia, which got here with the first cargo December 16. Last year the Parker's fare sold to the Boston Herring Company, and was put immediately into the cold storage here. The Parker met with no mishap on the homeward voyage, but had hard head winds and rough weather all the way along.

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### SCH. CONQUEROR ASHORE.

#### Floated by Tug on Rising Tide Yesterday Afternoon.

As sch. Conqueror of this port was coming up Boston harbor yesterday morning, she ran ashore on Georges Island, and despite the efforts of a tug to release her she remained hard and fast until late in the afternoon.

The schooner was hurrying in from the fishing grounds with 40,000 pounds of haddock, cod and hake. She was beating in and while tacking, brought up on the southeasterly part of Georges. The vessel struck at 11.15 a. m., and within a few minutes the tug Juno, Capt. Cunningham, which was nearby, had a line to her, and was tugging away in an effort to drag her into deep water. For fully half an hour the tug pulled, but without avail. As the tide receded the schooner listed to port.

On the rising tide in the afternoon, the Juno made another attempt which was successful. The schooner was towed to T wharf. She will take out her fish today and will probably come here to haul out for examination.

### MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

#### Tug Unable to Float Sch. Dora A. Lawson.

A Canso, N. S., dispatch says that the tug Scotsman made an unsuccessful attempt to float the stranded sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. Neilson, of this port yesterday. The inrush of water was more than could be controlled by the tug's pumps, and it is probable that the cargo of 90,000 pounds of fish will have to be taken out in order to float the vessel. Another attempt will be made on today's tide.

The vessel lies in a sheltered position and the chances are that she will be saved.

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### The Irish Fisheries.

There were 6080 vessels and boats engaged in the Irish fisheries in 1908, as compared with 6097 in 1907, showing a decrease of 17. There were 22,412 men and 498 boys employed, a decrease of 633 men, the number of boys being the same. There were 14 steam trawlers and 440 sailing trawlers, the number of men engaged in trawling being about 1650 with 35 boys. Fishing by long-lines was carried on by 5183 men and boys. With regard to loans for the building, repair, or equipment of boats, 135 applications were received for loans amounting to £3255, and 116, involving £2698, were granted. Since the Act of 1891 £47,367 has been advanced by way of loan. The arrears amounted to only £507, and £383 is marked off as irrecoverable. The bad debts thus do not amount to one per cent. It is said that illegal trawling greatly increased in 1908; 66 cases were dealt with, 37 by steam and 29 by sailing vessels. The fines, with costs, amounted to £1887.

### Stranding of Sch. Dora A. Lawson.

Speaking of the stranding of the sch. Dora A. Lawson of this port the Sydney, C. B. Post says:

"The crew of 17 men were safely landed and will be cared for by the American consul. The Lawson was fishing on the banks and had secured about 90,000 fish, when four days ago she sprang a leak and headed for Canso. Night and day the pumps were kept going but the water gained steadily. Before land was sighted a heavy snow-storm set down and with a gale of wind from the northwest it was difficult to make the harbor.

"Capt. Nelson successfully entered the harbor, passing every shoal and breaker only to find bottom on Grass Island Shoals well in the harbor. It was impossible for life savers to render any assistance beyond bringing off the crew."

### Depend on Fish.

Ninety per cent. of the population of western India is dependent upon fish for sustenance. It is doubtful whether any other country has such a variety of fish, but very little has been done to improve the fisheries. The most primitive methods are used, and as a result an enormous amount of food remains uncaptured. When the fishermen are trained to more approved and profitable methods in catching, curing and preserving the valuable food which abounds in the coastal seas and inlets India will not only be able to supply her own wants, but will have an immense quantity for export.

### New Fish for French Waters.

Negotiations are being carried on between the authorities in Buenos Ayres and M. Raymond Le Fort with a view to introducing a new fish, the pejerrey, or kingfish, into French waters. It is one of the best native fishes of the Argentine, being first-rate to eat, and flourishing equally well in brackish or fresh water. So far as is known no living specimen of the pejerrey has yet reached Europe.

### England's Chief Fishing Port.

Which is the chief British fishing port? This question is sometimes asked and answered in various ways. An examination of the official statistics shows that there is one port which in all years stands head and shoulders above the others, and that is Grimsby. In 1907 the value of the fish landed there was £2,890,536. Aberdeen comes next with £1,044,520, and Hull is rather a bad third with £768,739.

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Pretty near time to wake up on this Gloucester Fresh Fish Company matter, isn't it? What's the use of talking about new industries, when it looks as though one belonging here, with a \$500 a week pay roll is about ready to leave here because it cannot get the goods to work with? Something wrong somewhere.

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# LIGHT RECEIPTS AT BOSTON.

## But Fish Prices Are Good For the Season.

Boston's fish arrivals this morning are very light indeed, only one off shore and two of the market fleet being in, and two of these came in yesterday afternoon and sold their fares this morning. Prices are good, even if it is Friday and the day before Christmas. New shore haddock and cod brought \$3.85 and new shore haddock \$3.

In addition to the fish from the vessels at T wharf yesterday, there were received 24 boxes and 16 barrels of haddock, two boxes and four barrels of cod, three boxes of pollock, seven boxes of hake, four boxes of cusk, eight boxes of mixed fish and a box of scrod from outside ports. The boxes averaged 500 pounds each. This indicates that some of the vessels have put in at their home ports, and are sending their fish up by rail and boat so that the crews may spend Christmas at home.

Despite the large quantity of eels brought to Boston in the past week, the market is now short of that fish, and some of the stores have been cleaned out entirely. The advance report of the fish on the Yarmouth steamer and the steamer from Halifax shows only small quantities of eels on them.

The second invoice of lobsters will not be as large as the dealers hoped. The report received yesterday morning says that there are 73 crates on the Yarmouth steamer. The number of crates will probably run over these figures, but not much.

Smelts are still coming to the market, and frozen smelts are taking the place of the green ones, although a few boxes of the latter are received each day. Frozen smelts are coming in large quantities.

### The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Athena, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 600 pollock.

Sch. Conqueror, 16,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.85 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$3.85; shore market cod, \$3.85; cusk, \$1.25.

### Provincetown Fishermen Doing Poorly.

Fishermen who have come up from Provincetown in the last few days have brought gloomy news from there. The weirs have given no fish recently, and the weather has been so bad that the men who go out from the shore to fish in small boats have been unable to take their boats out. No one is making money, and for that reason the fishermen who go in the larger vessels are making ready to start two weeks earlier this year than usual.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesday two schooners, the Angie B. Watson and Albert D. Willard, and the sloop Wilbur Morse arrived in port with large fares of fish. The Angie B. Watson was the high liner, as her fare amounted to 15,000 pounds of mixed fish, the largest brought in this week by a single vessel. The Albert D. Willard brought in 9000 pounds and the Wilbur Morse had 3500.

The Defender also had 4000 pounds.

### Fisherman Drowned.

The body of George Huff, aged 60, of Kennebunkport, Me., was found in the water beside his dory Tuesday night while he and others of the crew of the fisherman Mildred V. Nunan were fishing off Cape Porpoise. It has not been determined whether he was drowned or heart trouble caused death. He leaves a widow.



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# SHORE BOATS IN FOR CHRISTMAS.

## First Cargo of Frozen Herring at This Port.

During the night the big fleet of shore boats came in, some of them from Boston and others from the fishing ground. All will spend Christmas in port, which means that a much larger number of fishermen than usual will spend the great holiday ashore.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Annie M. Parker arrived here from Bonne Bay, N. F., with the first cargo of frozen herring of the season.

The whole cargo was secured at Bonne Bay, and are pan frozen. The craft will take out part of the cargo here, to be shipped to New York, and possibly Philadelphia, and it is likely that the vessel will go up to Boston Monday to take out the rest of the fare at that port.

The wind during the night was very heavy from the north-northwest, and outside there was some easterly in it. There is no chance to do any fishing today, and this accounts for the large number of boats in port.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1500 bbls. frozen herring.  
Sch. Valentinn, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca, shore.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston.  
Sch. Georgiana, shore.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, shore.  
Sch. Hortense, shore.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Buema, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.  
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.  
Sch. Washakie, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland herring trip.  
Sch. Pauline, pollocking.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, shore.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.  
Sch. Seaconnet, Boston.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.  
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, (new) Boston.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, shore.  
Sch. John J. Fallon, Rips.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.  
Board of trade prices:  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Massachusetts arrived at Canso, N. S., Tuesday last.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Edith Silveira is on Burnham's railways.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Arrived Today.

Italian bark Guiseppe D'Ali, Trapani, salt for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.  
Sch. Charles H. Sprague.

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### Korean Ling and American Codfish.

As is well known, a favorite dish of the Korean people of all classes is the ling. The fish is caught in enormous numbers, mostly off the eastern coast, and sent all over the country in the dried form. It is stated that the gross value of the fish consumed in this country in a year is about one million yen. Undoubtedly it is one of the most valuable products of Korean seas. Recently a rival to this fish has appeared in the Korean market in the form of dried codfish imported from America, through Kobe. As the price of this fish is low, besides being agreeable to Korean taste, its sale is steadily growing with a corresponding decrease in the demand for ling. It is feared that it will ultimately prove a great blow to the Korean fishing industry if the demand for it continues to increase.

### Sch. Squanto Uninjured.

An examination of the fishing sch. Squanto, which went ashore at Ram Head Sunday night, and was got off Monday afternoon, does not show any serious damage done the schooner. The schooner has not leaked since she was got off, and whatever damage may have been done is hidden under water. She will be taken to the dry dock today and her bottom will be examined. Capt. Publicover found his fish in good condition, but as there were over 30 vessels at T wharf Tuesday morning, prices were not as high as yesterday, when he lost the market.

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### Threatens to Establish Plant in Seattle.

Peter Gusmann, representing the Western Fish Co. of San Francisco on Puget Sound, writes the Pacific Fisherman that unless he receives better treatment at the hands of the halibut concerns on the Sound, in buying for his company, that his firm will establish its own plant in Seattle. His communication in part follows:

"I have received word from my firm, the Western Fish Co. of San Francisco, that I am not going to the Eel River this season. The company has one of the finest fishing camps in the United States, but the runs of salmon there has been very poor for the last three years.

"I recently purchased a carload of halibut from the New England Fish Co. of Vancouver, which is the second carload which I have purchased from that company since I have been in the North. I believe that it is the second carload of fresh halibut that ever left Vancouver for San Francisco. As this business develops, I expect to do more buying of this sort. I have been in Seattle just nine months now, and during that time have paid out a little over \$50,000 for fish in this territory. Every car of halibut I buy, I pay cash for before it leaves Seattle.

"At times, however, when fish are scarce, some firms tell me they can't spare me any. Why don't they all say that? How long do you think it would take the Western Fish Co. to rent a place on the waterfront here and start their own business? Not over 24 hours. And it would not cost a fortune to build three boats that would bring in enough fish for our trade. So I hope some of the firms here will not be so foolish as to refuse ready cash for their fish. It would not do them any good if we ever start here."

### English Sardine Fishers Suffer.

A despatch from London says that another appeal was made to the government today in behalf of the thousands of sardine fishermen along the Atlantic coast, who are in dire want as a result of the introduction of steam fishing vessels, and an agreement among the sardine canneries as to the number of tons of fish they will accept daily.

For the first time in several years, sardines are plentiful now along the coast and thousands of fishermen returned to their old haunts expecting a prosperous season. Fleets of steam fishing vessels, however, have practically supplanted the old style of fishing and, according to the canners, are able to supply all the fish needed. The fisher folk sought to bring the canneries to terms by striking, but it has been ineffective.

On the Britany coast about the only occupation of the people is fishing and it is here that the suffering centres. Two hundred thousand people are said to be in distress.

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# MEAGRE NEWS FROM BOSTON.

## Some Vessels However Known to Be There.

There is no telegraphic or telephone connection with Boston today, consequently we are unable to get our Boston arrivals. It is known, however, that sch. Teazer of this port got in there Saturday late, with a fare of halibut and fresh fish. The steam trawler Spray was in late Friday afternoon with a good sized fare and took out before closing time.

The receipts in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Teazer, 20,000 fresh fish, 8000 salt cod, 6000 halibut.  
Steamer Spray.  
Sch. Appomattox.  
Sch. Pontiac.  
Sch. Good Luck.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton.

### Competition Among Pacific Fish Dealers.

In this month's Pacific Fisherman, C. P. Overton of the Union Fish Co., large codfish dealers, of San Francisco says:

"Competition in the territory common to San Francisco and Puget Sound has made prices low, owing principally to the lack of co-operation on the part of Puget Sound dealers. The selling of an article that is produced at so much labor, expense and risk should show a fair profit. In the common territory referred to the goods are sold at an actual loss, which seems deplorable. We are ourselves very anxious to see the market put on a better footing, but have almost ceased to hope for better things in view of the very heavy overproduction and the absence of any spirit of co-operation among dealers on the Sound. There is a movement on foot, we understand, to get the market in Washington in better condition, and which we are very anxious to see succeed. Full stocks in the east prevent our shipping outside the narrow strip of territory along the Pacific, and the only hope we see for the future of the business lies in restricting the catch on this coast for 1910."

### Eels Plentiful at Boston.

Eels have been coming to Boston this week not by the hundreds of pounds, but by the ton, and the commission men have handled this week in the vicinity of 30 tons of them. Some have come frozen, but most of the fish have come green, and in most instances with life in them. Last Monday one was taken from a barrel that had come up from Yarmouth, and while it was being examined it squirmed from the hand of the man who held it and dropped overboard. Once it struck the water it swam off full of life. Large as the importation of eels for Boston dealers may appear it is not more than half of what New York handles.

No one but those in the business have even the slightest idea of the business done at this season in eels. Everywhere in the down town section of the city eels hold the prominent place now, especially in the vicinities where the foreign population predominates.

### Halifax Fish Market.

A Halifax exchange says that the pickled fish markets remain steady but the dried fish situation is very firm at higher prices. While the advance has curtailed the export demand for the time being, it is only a question of time before the market will respond to the higher values which are warranted by very short stocks; in fact, the quantity of dried fish held in Halifax is probably below the minimum at this time of year. There is very little coming along, and the present supplies will be pretty well cleaned up before spring.

### A Peculiar Fish.

Among the fish which are frequently caught by Florida fishermen is a peculiar species known as the pump fish. It is a sort of hedgehog of the sea, bristling with spines. It behooves the fishermen to handle it carefully, as the pointed tubercles when touched discharge a virulent poison.